SPENT BUT FOUR DAYS AT FLUME

Inspector's Diary Shows Infrequent Visits While Work Was in Progress.

CROUSE FOREMAN TO TESTIFY NEXT

Assistant Engineer Clifton Al lowed Changes from Plans and Specifications Without Pro-

test or Report-Expert Engineers May Be Asked to Testify.

of a Mr. Tucker, a draughtsman in his office, who had worked on drawings for the flume, and explained that at no time had Mr. Tucker been an inspector on the work.

The same dispatch states of the Virginia coast last Friday, the United plan; The other of the minute's work, first the flume had Mr. Tucker been an inspector on the work.

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MAKING A CABINET

President-Elect Tate is Finding it No arrival here to-day of Frank H. Hitchcook, Republican mational chairman and fitting Postmaster-General, and the arrival here to-day of Frank H. Hitchcook, Republican mational chairman and fitting Postmaster-General, and the arrival here to-day of State, will be here on the 8th, indicate that the President-clect is to occupy himself actively with Cabinet construction.

Mr. Hitchcook will remain a week or more, during which time Mr. Tatt will obtain the judgment of the national chairman, particularly on the political bearing of appointments under consideration. Finding men of Cabinet adilbre and making the selection with due regard to exacting geographical conditions is admitted to be somewhat difficult. This work Mr. Tatt will apply himself to assiduously from now on.

Confers With Tatt.

Mr. Hitchcook had a short conference with Mr. Tatt this afternoon and dilled with the family to-night. The President-cleot made his best record on the golf links this morning, drove with his family ten miles to Bichmond Mill in an automobile and shed for bass—without catching any—in the afternoon, and occupied a box at the local theatre to-night. Incidentally, he received delegations from Columbus and Savannah, Ga., and declined their very pressing invitations to visit these cities.

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PLAN REORGANIZATION

vice-president; A. M. Kennedy, s tary, and T.-W. Berry, treasurer.

RACE WAR THREATENED

AID TO SHIPPERS

ANNUAL ADDRESS

max— maked had Mr. Walter Anthony of the Section of

President Adams Deals With
Philosophy of Subject
Along Broad Lines.

STUDY FACTS
MORE CLOSELY

Noted Litterateur Believes That
History of Man Is Governed by
a Fixed Law Tending Toward a Certain Result,
Leaves Field to
Younger Men,

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FIGHTING AT MACURO

RUEF GETS FOURTEEN YEARS

a member of the Schmitz board of si-pervisors in the award of an overhea-trolley franchise to the United Rah-ways. The trial ended in the convic-tion of Ruef on December 19th arts-asting many weeks.

WILL ACT PROMPTLY

Coal Fields of West Virginia Scene of Another Horror. BLUBFIELD, W. V.A., December 29.— Twelve men are known to be dead and stobably twenty-five, more were enombed as the result of an explosion which occurred in the Lick Branch oillery, owned by the Parallel Branch oillery, owned by the Parallel Branch oillery, owned by the Parallel Branch OF NIGHT RIDERS

They Clearly Recall Where They Were on Night Rankin Was Murdered,

ALL OTHER INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN

Each One of Defendants Swears to an Alibi, While Relatives Even Deny Statements of Self-Confessed Members of Gang-Scores of

Witnesses.

FLOOR COLLAPSES

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Hundred People Fall Through to Basement of Building.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 29.—
The upper floor of Eaton Hall, a two-story frame building' at Elliot City, twelve miles west of Baltimore, collapsed late this afternoon during a magistrate's hearing being given William Hatwood, a negro charged with murderous assault. About 100 meh and boys were carried down, and while no one was killed outright, between thirty and forty persons, several of the most prominent citizens of the town, were more or less seriously injured. Among the worst sufferers is William Hall, a reporter for the Baltimore American, who has both legs and his jaw broken, but he will be badly disfigured.

Came Wilhout Warning.

The overcrowded condition of the room was the cause of the accident. There was no warning of it. With a creaking sound the floor suddenly gave way. The people' in the room were thrown into a struggling mass to a coment floor twenty feet below. Those who had been on the outskirts jumped through windows to the ground or clutched uprights to support themselves.

A fire horror was averted by the contract the collections of one may who culcies.

FOUR ARE INJURED

WILEY IS SAFE

little Danger of "Big Stick" Being

Little Danger of "Big Stick" Heing Used on Him.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 29.—
The White House indicates pretty clearly that there is little truth in stories that the President is getting ready to use the "big slick" on Dr. H. W. Wiley, the pure food expert of the Department of Agriculture. Because of his unyielding attitude on the use of improper preservatives in the foods

WILL RECEIVE AMBASSADOR

ficial duties will be the resumption official duties will be the resumption of negotiations for a patent treaty between the United States and Germany, which negotiations were broken off by the death of Baron von Sternburg, the former ambassador.

DIES OF STARVATION

Chinaman Had \$15,000 in Pocket When Death Came,
LOS ANGELES, December 29.—With
a roll of \$15,000 in his pockets, with
which he intended to return to China
an unknown Chinaman died of starvation on a Southern Pacific train ; ly before the Arcade depot

ly before the Arcade depot was reached.

The man has not been identified as yet, but railroad employes stated that he had worked a small vegetable ranch near Colton for several years. He had denied himself sufficient food to keep alive in order to have as large a sum as possible when he got back to his native 'country. his native country.

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Has Narrow Escape.

WASHINGTON D. C., December 29.—
Mrs. Nicholas Longworth the President's daughtor, narrowly escaped injury late to-day through the heroism and alertness of a policeman. Mrs. Longworth was approaching a local theatre, crossing the street after alighting from her carrilage. A large touring car whizzed by, halting her in the path of a span of horses, which became frightened and began to dart off. John Catts, a policeman, sprans forward, clutched the horses' brildes and swerved them to the sidewalk bringing them to a stop twenty yards away. Congressman Longworth sought out the bluecoat to shake hands with him and thank him.

General Court-Martial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 29.—
A general court-martial has been or dered to convene at Boston January 4th for the trial of Commander Chartes C. Marsh, who was in command of the United States ship "Yankee" when it was sunk September 23d in Buzzard's Bay.

Hear Admiral Albert R. Couden will be president of the court.

Ouly Two Desal.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 29.—
Late to-day, wit the men supposed to be burled in the tranch that caved in yesterday davastated cities and towns and caused the death of thousands. Messina, whose tragic history has been marked by tidal waves and war, and which was the cantre of yester day's terrestrial maelstrom, was shaken to ruins. Flames burst forth to complete the city's destruction, and to burn ally cuntoid numbers helplessing beyond recognition. The ports and village on both the continual and all lighthouses along the coasts were swallowed up. Navigation now is dangerous, and in some places in possible.

In the Calabrian district, which was flight to be president of the court.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 29.—
Late to-day, were accounted for leaving the total death list at two flights of the court. The loss of life on both sides of the court of the court

Rest Service to California Via Washington-Surect Route. Tourist sleeper berth, 18.50, Offices, 939 B. Main 33.

WORLD APPAL**led** BY CALAMITY OF ITALIAN CITIES

Hundred Thousand Dead and Scores of Towns Destroyed. Is Earthquake's Record.

EXTENT OF DISASTER IS NOT YET KNOWN

Reggio Obliterated, and Entire Population Perishes-Messina Wiped from Map, Its Strait and Bay Ruined-Reports of Nature's Horror

Still Coming In.

R OME, December 29.—One hundred thousand dead; Messina, in Sicily, and Reggio and a score of almost complete destruction

12,000 to 50,000; that of Reggio, which, with its adjacent villages, numbered

has been devastated, and Riposto, Seand villages bordering on the straits

Pope Gives \$200,000. distress at the calamity, and he himamounting to \$200,000 to the relief

Latest reports received here state that 4,000 soldiers in the various barracks at Messina were buried under the ruins.

The rock of Charybdis now blocks the entrance to the Strait of Messina. The tidal wave wrecked the lightnouses in the strait, including Fara Beacon, and they crashed into the sea.

STUNNED BY CALAMITY

All Italy Mourns Over Pate of Stricker Provinces. ROME, December 29.—Stunned at the magnitude of the calamity which has overtaken fellow-countrymen, all Italy mourns to-night for the stricken provinces of Calabria and the Island of Sicily. Accustomed a for centuries to earthquakes, Italy stands ever in dread

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